

# Pine Creek Conservation District

State Legislative District #9  
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## Other Accomplishments



The District cooperates with other Whitman County districts in hosting local land-judging, county fair, and Envirothon events.



Two of the District board members on a tour to evaluate resource conditions.



Wildlife ponds previously located on highly erodible ground that was put into grass cover

## 2008 Feature Accomplishment

### Reducing Erosion

#### *Resource Challenge*

Erosion, due to winter run-off on frozen ground and severe spring and summer thunder storms, travels into bodies of water. This run-off can contain soil, fertilizers, pesticides and other material.



Direct seeding into standing stubble

#### *Project Summary and Results*

The Pine Creek Conservation District hosts meetings, supports a newsletter, and works one-on-one with landowners to inform, educate, and provide technical assistance towards reducing erosion. Pine Creek CD also cooperates in an area-wide promotion offering low interest loans towards purchasing necessary equipment to implement direct seeding.

The District offers farm inventories, conservation planning, and technical assistance with the design and installation of Best Management Practices that reduce erosion and the impacts of erosion.

The District directly assisted 54 landowners last year with farm inventories, conservation plans, and technical assistance. Over 200 landowners/farm operators received informational/educational assistance related to erosion control.

#### *Key Project Partners*

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA Farm Service Agency, WA State Department of Ecology, Washington State University, Whitman County, Local Landowners

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## More Work To Do

- Soil erosion is a long-term and continuing challenge in the District. Several thousand acres need additional protection.
- Although livestock numbers continue to decline, there are a few minor part-time operations and hobbyists who need more information, education and assistance to protect water quality.
- The district is continuing to work with landowners to reduce the impacts to air quality from agricultural burning.